(b) and (c) Government considered a package of assistance for Hindustan Cables Ltd. (HCL) and a strategy for its future. The details are as under:-

I. (i) Government has decided to extend Government Guarantee to HCL for raising commercial loans from Financial Institutions/Public Sector Undertakings upto Rs. 60 crores for a period of one year.

(ii) Department of Telecommunication has been asked to examine the claims filed by HCL and pay the undisputed claims immediately. DoT has so far paid an amount of Rs. 31.14 crores to HCL against its claims.

(iii) Deptt, of Telecommunication and Hindustan Cables Ltd. have been asked to bilaterally work out the ways and means to see how the operations of the company may be sustained for the time being.

DoT has placed an order for 12 LCKM
of Jelly Filled Cables on HCL along with 50% advance for execution during
the last quarter of current financial year.

(iv) Government has also approved in principle, for conversion into joint ventures of the units of HCL individually or the company as a whole with suitable joint venture partners on the basis of even ceding majority share holding to the joint venture partners and for appointment of Consultants/ Marchant Bankers to undertake studies to explore the possibilities and identify suitable joint venture partners who can bring in requisite capital, technology and marketing expertise.

II. HCL has submitted a proposal for capital restructuring which is under consideration.

(d) The annual expenditure on Corporation Office by HCL in Calcutta for the year 1995-96 was Rs. 3.12 crores.

(e) No proposal is under consideration to relocate the Corporate Office of HCL at Rupnarainpur.

पिछड़े क्षेत्रों के लिए औघोगिक नीति में सुधार

948. **श्री मुलचन्द मीणा** : क्या उद्योग मंत्री यह बतान की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार ने देश के पिछड़े क्षेत्रों को अधिकाधिक लाभ पहुंचाने के लिए औद्योगिक नीति में व्यापक सुधार किया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबधी ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि नई औद्योगिक नीति की घोषणा किए जाने के बाद देश के पिछड़े राज्यों को लाभ नहीं हुआ है; और

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो इस संबंध में तथ्य क्या है?

उद्योग मंत्री (श्री मुरासोली मारन) : (क) और (ख) सराकार, उदारीकृत औद्योगिक नीति के अन्तर्गत अवसरंचनात्मक विकास में उपयुक्त प्रोत्साहम्नों और निवेशों के माध्यम से पिछड़े क्षेत्रों में उद्योगों के छितराव को बढ़ावा देने का प्रयास करती है। तथापि, किसी विशेष क्षेत्र/ जिले का औद्योगिकीकरण करने की मुख्य जिम्मेदारी संबंधित राज्य सरकार की है। अधिकतर राज्य सरकारें उद्योगों को पिछड़े क्षेत्रों में आकर्षित करने के लिए अनेक प्रोत्साहन दे रही है।

(ग) और (घ) जी, नहीं। पिछड़े क्षेत्रों में उद्योगों की स्थापना करने के लिए कई निवेश संबंधी आशय पत्र दायर किये गये हैं।

Automatic Approval to Foreign Investment in Industry

949. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether FICCI and ASSOCHAM have expressed their reservations on the latest decision of Government for expanding the list for the automatic entry of foreign capital to more industries and raising their equity to 74 per cent;

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government's decision would not amount to a serious concern for the self-reliant basis of the economy for many small scale industries in the country?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLIMARAN): (a) to (c) Government policy with respect to industry and investment is formulated keeping in view the overall